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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE S. M. HERALD
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Births.

Death.

Marriage.

Arrivals.

Departures.

Influence.

Business.

Deaths.

house. The number in September was 344, of which the males amounted to 129 and the females to 215. The mortality in the city in October, was considerably below the figures for the present year, as the death-rate was only 77 males and 56 females (43 persons) in all. The death rate in the city had fallen to 65 since the month of October last, as against 75 deaths from that disease in September.

SURGEON CLARK.—Intelligence received from the Geelong Station is to the effect that Mr. Dick Ferguson, the smallpox patient, is progressing favourably. There are no signs of any further rash.

POISON COOK'S RIVER.—TASER.—A lengthy trial was held before the Rockhampton Council, intervening from Mr. Owen Blackett, introducing a motion, in the nature of a bill, which was supported by the Rockhampton, Emerald, Ashfield, Charters, Rockhampton, Maricville, Arundel, and Hervey Bay Councils, for the purpose of improving the navigation by making locks, sluices, dredging and dredging where required, and of extension by sewage canals, forming a river into a healthy navigable stream and canal from Rockhampton to Hervey Bay. He proposed that it should be done as a permanent system.

THE ARKANSAS COURTS.—The only matter of general interest before No. 1 Full Court yesterday was the case of the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, v. Frew. A friend and son had been admitted in order to observe the trial. Charles Frew, who had been a member of the firm of Frew & Son, deceased, had been a director of the company. Mr. Frew was not entitled to any further interest under the will of his late husband than an interest in the firm of Frew & Son of £16,000. She also appeared in the Full Court, which after hearing her arguments, remitted the cause to the Appeal Court. Mr. Justice Innes and Mr. Justice Stephen disposed of the balance of the list of cases submitted to them, and in Clarke's of North Sydney it was in the plainest language declared that the injured party had suffered a sharp blow when he was struck down in a shaft in Mount-street, the court refused to disturb the verdict. It was stated that Mr. E. P. Field's appeal against the order of Mr. Justice, P.M., on the 6th July, had been驳回ed, and the case was accordingly struck out of the list.

A DROWNING.—The frequent lightning flashes in the S.E. part of the heavens on Wednesday night, continued until long after midnight, and now, and then the sky would assume a wild appearance, with fast-moving dark masses of clouds; but no rain fell. The day before, induced by a cool, slightly hazy morning, the weather was in full flood, and in the afternoon it was 20 to 25 miles per hour. It was a typical autumnal day, with the plainer fields covered with a thin mist, and the trees in the distance appearing like a series of dark blinding to pedestriants of the road, and the houses, which were scattered here and there, like islands in a sea of mist. The evidence showed that the mother of the infant, who was a single woman named Mary McCarthy, 23 years of age, was in service as a domestic servant, and at the morning of the 17th ultimo returned to her home, which was situated in a quiet little village about 14 miles from the town. She entered the outhouse, and her step-mother, fearing that something was amiss, burst the door open, when she found the young woman in a pitiable condition, and speechless. The evidence was to the effect that she had been alive, and that, in his opinion, death had arisen from hemorrhage and shock to the system. The mother of the child admitted that the infant was dead, and said that she had left it in the outhouse because her step-mother, whom she regarded as the octogenarian, and because she (witness) was frightened. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, adding that the case was one of accidental death.

THE PASSAGE OF THE AUSTRALIA.—The Australia of the P. & O. Line, having made a passage to Aden, and thence to Colombo, reached that port on Saturday evening. She arrived at Aden at 2.40 a.m. yesterday, so that her speed from Albany was close upon 18 knots. She loaded the English mail, and left at 3.40 p.m. for Melbourne. The delivery of her mails in Sydney was delayed, 20 days from London. The Australia will arrive in harbour probably on Monday morning next.

TEN FRENCH CURSES DECAYED THOUGHT.—This was a rough-hewed cruiser, heavily armed, and capable of steaming 16 knots per hour, from New Zealand, and thence to Australia. She had the French flagship in the Pacific, out on a secret commission. Compared with the Douroucet, whose place she has taken on the station, she is not larger, nor so modern a ship, though her speed is somewhat greater. She has no service, and is not a French vessel. She was built at Cherbourg, France, and was sold to the Admiralty. She was the Admiralty's ship, carrying British troops, to which Australians have become accustomed. The appearance of the Frenchman is not taking, nor constructed well, but he looks more heavy, and his prodigious brute runs, dashed with wood, which projects from her bow, gives her a queer appearance. During the few months she has been in the Pacific she lost four men, and during her passage to Tahiti, two. Some particulars of the ship and her course were given in the *Herald* when the news first reached here. The imperfect weapon has since been shipped home. The full complement of crew is 270 officers and men, and they have enjoyed excellent health, excepting the loss of two men, who died of fever. The ship is now on the stocks, awaiting an official visit, to be made by the French Consul. It is proposed to pay her for a fortnight or so, and then go on to the other colonies.

A FEAST STEAMED AGROUND.—Whilst the Baldwin Old Company's steamer *Telephone* was proceeding to Sydney about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, the ship ran aground on the sandbank of the Point-street wharf, Balmain, in the early morning. At the time, forced her to the rocks between the Elsterton Park baths and wharf. It was evident the steamer could be floated.

THE LATE CITY SURGEON.—Mr. Merriman, still an inmate of the Camden Hospital private hospital, North Sydney, Dr. Keaveney states that the surgeon, who had been in Mr. Merriman's condition, the invalid being, in fact, worse. The doctor further states that the male had gradually coming upon the patient for a considerable time.

SAIN'S WOOD.—A fierce battle in aid of the funds for the Australian Methodist Church, Liverpool, Sains' Wood, was opened yesterday, and won by Mr. William White. The interior of the church was artistically decorated, and presented a pleasing appearance. The opening ceremony was performed by a sister of the Rev. George F. Flinders, a man who was elected a 60th child under the direction of the Rev. T. Par. M.A. (minister of the church), and Miss Par. The little ones, who were nearly dressed in white, assisted themselves, and were frequently applauded. Several special individuals, the Rev. T. Par. M.A. (minister of the church), and Mr. White, were present.

THE RECENT VICTORIAN LEAD.—Another small local loan bill was passed by the Assembly last night (says Wednesday's *Melbourne Argus*). The conversion of the maturing loan of £2,107,000 was effected at a discount of 4 per cent, and as no interest was due on the loan, the amount paid to the Bank of England in the amount for the conversion of £1,000,000 was £24,790—a sum of £2,075,210. The expenditure on mines, technical schools, and schools of design was £17,065, which indicates a saving of £12,261. Taking the whole expenditure on the system into consideration—namely, £775,793—it denotes a decrease of £1,290,000, or a reduction of 16 per cent. for 1893. This is indicated by a reduction of £2 8d in the cost of instruction per child, exclusive of the expenditures on buildings and a decrease of 84d per child if the expenditure on buildings and instruction in the education of the children of clever parents is deducted. The amount of the expenditure on mining was showing a decrease of £16,778, and rents for school buildings £1,186. The expenditure on primary education, exclusive of buildings, was £17,763, or £24,790 below that of the preceding year. The annual expenditure on exhibition and supplies was £41,413—a sum of £20,000. The expenditure on mines, technical schools, and schools of design was £17,065, which indicates a saving of £12,261. Taking the whole expenditure on the system into consideration—namely, £775,793—it denotes a decrease of £1,290,000, or a reduction of 16 per cent. for 1893. This is indicated by a reduction of £2 8d in the cost of instruction per child, exclusive of the expenditures on buildings and a decrease of 84d per child if the expenditure on buildings and instruction in the education of the children of clever parents is deducted. The amount of the expenditure on mining was showing a decrease of £16,778, and rents for school buildings £1,186.

QUEENSLAND.—
[By TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CRUISE OF THE KETCH SISKIN.

BRISBANE, THURSDAY.

The ketch Siskin arrived at Brisbane on Tuesday from the Solomon Islands, after an absence of nearly three years from Sydney. The captain originally decided to go on to Sydney, but was compelled to turn back to the coast of Queensland, and so far as he could get information, the members of the Solomon Comon were quiet. No fights have occurred of late. In the beginning of October an Austrian man-of-war, supposed to be the Elisabeth, called at Ugo, and took away 137 schoolboys. The ketch Siskin, which had been at anchor off the coast of Queensland, was sent to the coast of Queensland, and so far as he could get information, the members of the Solomon Comon were quiet. No fights have occurred of late. In the beginning of October an Austrian man-of-war, supposed to be the Elisabeth, called at Ugo, and took away 137 schoolboys. 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COUNTRY NEWS.

(from our correspondents)

THE BUNGAREE-CERES COLLISION.

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MAILWAY FROM LISMORE TO CASINO.

CASINO, THURSDAY.

In response to an influentially-signed requisition, a public meeting was held yesterday at the station of the Tenterfield railway between the Bungarree and Ceres. There were present—Captain C. G. Chapman, Captain Newton Chapman, Mr. J. R. Bowes, and Mr. F. Hayes. Five witnesses were examined on behalf of the master of the Ceres, the testimony being in the main that the crew of the vessel had been paid. At 6 o'clock that evening Mr. W. H. Davis, on behalf of the owner of the Bungarree, applied for an adjournment in order to call evidence, and to reply. The board accordingly adjourned till Monday next.

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THE CENSUS OF BRITISH INDIA, 1891.

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DIPHTHERIA IN THE COUNTRY.

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LOCAL OPTION AT ORANGE.

ORANGE, THURSDAY.

A meeting was held to-night in the Oldfiddlers' Hall in connection with the local option question. The Hon. Mr. McConnel, Member for Orange, presided. The meeting was addressed by the chairman, and also by Mr. T. W. Glover, of the Local Option League, and Mr. J. C. Alexander, of the Anti-Saloon League. Other speakers were a fair attendance, the audience being enthusiastic. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:—

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